

# **Borough of Tenafly**

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Zinna and Councilmembers Lauren Dayton, Jeffrey Grossman, Venugopal Menon, Adam Michaels, Julie O' Connor and Daniel Park

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Borough Administrator Jimmy Homsi  
Executive Assistant Annmarie Schryver  
Borough Attorney Wendy Rubinstein  
Chief Financial Officer Susan Corrado

At 9:36 p.m. Mayor Zinna read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement: "IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, P.L. 1975, chapter 231, THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN SATISFIED. THE MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR ARE CONFIRMED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, ARE POSTED ON THE PUBLIC BULLETIN BOARD IN THE LOBBY OF THE MUNICIPAL CENTER, AND PUBLISHED IN THE RECORD WITHIN THE FIRST 10 DAYS OF THE NEW YEAR."

The Salute to the Flag was led by Mayor Zinna

Motion by C. Dr. O'Connor, second by C. Michaels and all other members voting in favor, as amended

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the June 29, 2021 Regular Meeting are approved.

#### **REVISIONS TO AGENDA:**

Mrs. Rubinstein advised that R21-279 will be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved to the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Natalie Kavanagh – 83 Hazelton Terrace – She noted that she also has a residence on Grove Street. She voiced her concern regarding bamboo. Ms. Kavanagh explained that the invasive species is difficult to control. She added that other towns have adopted ordinances banning bamboo. She discussed the open space on Grove Street. She stated that there are environmental issues. Ms. Kavanagh stated that the dog park looks horrible. She added that if residents do not want something, it will end up at the end of Grove Street. She commented that there was no mention of cameras or

gate locks being incorporated on the Eagle Scout project. She would also like to know the number of dog bites that have happened at the dog park. Ms. Kavanagh explained that people are not using the dog park because it is dirty.

Christine Evron – 39 Leroy Street – suggested using the grant money to install hot spots for internet access within the town. She also voiced her concern regarding Ordinance 21-13, which prohibits the operation of any class of cannabis business. She stated that residents are concerned with the Governing Body’s decision to pass the ordinance. Ms. Evron stressed that the Borough will be turning down tax revenue. She urged the Governing Body to reconsider their stance.

C. Michaels spoke on behalf of Lindsay and Andrew Till. He stated that they would like to thank those who donated their bikes to Tenaflly Cares. The first distribution will take place on July 26<sup>th</sup>. He urged anyone in need of a bike to contact Tenaflly Cares. C. Michael commented that he loved how involved the residents were during the zoom meetings. The consensus was to have the Mayor and Council meetings on Zoom until the hybrid software is ready for use.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. #R21-278/** Approve Expenditures as of July 14, 2021
- B. ~~#R21-279/ Authorize Refund – Security Deposit – Davis Johnson Park – LaMastra – Removed from the Consent Agenda~~**
- C. #R21-280/** Authorize Permit Fee Refund – 163 Stonehurst Dr
- D. #R21-281/** Approve Veteran’s Exemption Refund – 363 Knickerbocker Road
- E. #R21-282/** Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow transfer to Borough Replacement Tree Fund – 226 Churchill Road
- F. #R21-283/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 8 Stanton Road
- G. #R21-284/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 18 N. Browning Avenue
- H. #R21-285/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 32 Howard Park Drive
- I. #R21-286/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 33 Stonybrook Road
- J. #R21-287/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 34 W. Railroad Avenue
- K. #R21-288/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 36 Floral Terrace
- L. #R21-289/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 55 Hudson Avenue
- M. #R21-290/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 75 Mayflower Drive
- N. #R21-291/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 113 Columbus Drive
- O. #R21-292/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 139 Columbus Drive
- P. #R21-293/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 159 Tenaflly Road
- Q. #R21-294/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 311 Tenaflly Road
- R. #R21-295/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 19 Lindley Avenue
- S. #R21-296/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 39 Homestead Road
- T. #R21-297/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 55 Hudson Avenue
- U. #R21-298/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 60 N. Lyle Avenue
- V. #R21-299/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 68 Day Avenue
- W. #R21-300/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 76 Norman Place
- X. #R21-301/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 87 Oxford Drive
- Y. #R21-302/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 98 Stonehurst Drive
- Z. #R21-303/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 338 Engle Street
- AA. #R21-304/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 28 Leroy Street
- BB. #R21-305/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 61 Demott Street

- CC. #R21-306/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 92 Walnut Drive
- DD. #R21-307/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 172 Newcomb Road
- EE. #R21-308/** Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 21 Hodskin Place
- FF. #R21-309/** Approve Raffle Applications – RA1146 & RA1147
- GG. #R21-310/** Authorize Re-bid - Theodore Roosevelt Monument Lighting Improvements Project
- HH. #R21-311/** Approve Escrow Agreement – 16 West Clinton Avenue
- II. #R21-312/** Authorize Refunds – Recreation Trust – Various
- JJ. #R21-313/** Appoint Board of Health Youth Liaison
- KK. #R21-314/** Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order – ADA Curb Ramps

Motion by C. Michaels, second by C. Grossman that the Consent Agenda be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on the Consent Agenda was recorded as follows:

C. Dayton: aye	C. Michaels: aye
C. Grossman: aye	C. O'Connor: aye
C. Menon: aye	C. Park: aye

**Committee Reports**

C. Grossman

He reported that tomorrow night’s concert will feature Divinity Roxx, a bass guitarist, who has performed with Beyoncé. He noted she has two records, has been on tour and has been nominated for a Grammy. He added that they are working on rescheduling The Bruce Show. C. Grossman commented that the contributions and sponsorships are down from previous years. He added that it would be nice if local businesses contributed to help fund the concerts. He stated that there currently is \$5,050.00 in donations and sponsorships.

The Planning Board met. He stated that they said goodbye to the Planning Board secretary, Valerie Nicolosi, who retired.

The Stigma Free Committee will hold a community wide event next month focusing on mental health illnesses. The event will be held in Huyler Park on Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30p.m.

C. Dayton

The Senior Services held a birthday party for the Senior Services Director. She stated that Michele Hausch and Parween Quraishi are taking care of the Tenafly seniors. She added that they are looking to get a list of all the seniors in the town.

C. Dayton noted that the senior van is underutilized. She commented that there are only one or two riders on the bus at a time. She informed that most trips

have been to the foodbank. In 2019 the Borough applied for a 6 passenger van, which will not be ready until 2021/2022. She noted that the small bus will be more manageable and the driver does not need a special license to operate the vehicle. She informed that the Senior Services Director has been having in-person meetings with the seniors. C. Dayton advised that there still needs to be a discussion regarding those who are not ADA able.

C. Menon

The Zoning Board met and discussed 4 applications. Two of the applications will be heard at their next meeting.

He sent birthday greetings to the Senior Center Manager, Michele Hausch.

C. Michaels

The Downtown Committee meeting will meet a week from Monday. They are going to wait until September to hold a public session. C. Michaels mentioned that the Downtown Committee is holding a photo contest run by the school board. C. Michaels thanked the Administrator and the Borough Clerk for obtaining the material. He stated that he would like to have a spot on the website to display the photos.

C. O'Connor

The Environmental Commission put together welcome packets for new residents. She stated that there is information in the packets informing residents of the dangers of pesticide use.

C. O'Connor stated that the Board of Health was approached by an upcoming senior, who is interested in becoming a youth liaison for the board. She stated that the youth liaison would be able to communicate with their peers and impact younger individuals.

C. O'Connor advised that information regarding tick prevention and facts have been placed on the website. She added that ticks are going to be more prevalent this year, due to amount of rainfall and the climate change.

## **Old Business**

The Mayor stated that he would like to add a discussion to the agenda regarding the future of the skate park. C. Dayton commented that she would like the Recreation

Board to think of possible uses for the park. The Mayor and Administrator will meet with the Recreation Director to discuss the skate park.

**New Business**

A. Introduction of Ordinance

C. Grossman moved that the ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting August 9, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Tenafly Municipal Center as the place for a hearing on said ordinance. Seconded by C. Park:

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-13 - AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY IN BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES AND AMENDING CHAPTER 35 "LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dayton:	aye	C. Michaels:	aye
C. Grossman:	aye	C. O'Connor:	aye
C. Menon:	aye	C. Park:	aye

The Borough Attorney stated that the vote can be amended once it is passed.

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The Mayor stated that Max Basch is the Senior Services Committee's new Chair.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Zinna recognized Borough Attorney Wendy Rubinstein, who read into the record Resolution 21-315.

BE IT RESOLVED in compliance with NJSA 10:4-12, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Tenafly are going into Closed Executive Session to discuss the following matters:

- A. Attorney Client Privilege
  - 1. Potential Litigation
  - 2. Code Update
  
- B. Personnel
  - 1. Borough Administrator Evaluation

Minutes will be taken of the meeting and released to the public at the time that the matter is resolved. After Closed Executive Session, the Mayor and Council will to adjourn this public meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion from C. Michaels, seconded by C. Park, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session at 10:20 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Park, second by C. Menon and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Omar Stovall, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk